

Rev. Amos A. Phelps,

Doston,

By E. Wright & Co. Mass.



your Society any commission for collecting, - tho' I suppose  
my Salary & Expenses while on these tours, may have amounted  
to \$50. It would have been an small business for me to have charged it, or to have

(17.) At a good deal of Expense, I have devoted all my  
spare time this Summer, in your State. We have paid J. J.  
Whittier about \$200 to labor in this office, so that I might  
lecture in your State. This was at my suggestion. Whether I  
did any good there or not, no matter: - it cost money.

=Now, I don't mention the 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7th heads above, as excuses  
for doing wrong on my part in taking the \$50. (which I am yet  
to be convinced of) but as so many reasons, why your remarks on  
the Subject, instead of being so tart & crusty as to be quite unkind,  
should have been such as I had a right to expect from you.  
Finally, - the \$50 is at your service. Send your order, &  
you shall have it. - If I am a "sharp", I "go on the principle  
of disregarding all understandings," our Treasurer is not, she  
will pay over the money.

As to W. C. Wright, the Worcester meeting, "Appeal,"  
so, no Wright will tell you all.

Yours as ever  
for the outraged,  
A. P. Stanton

A. P. We formed a good County Society in Berkshire  
today, ago. They need an agent there perishingly.  
Recommend a good man, & we will appoint him.  
Had a great meeting at Utica, last week.



(4) I had flattered myself that the manner in which I had labored while in your state, & the ~~efforts~~ <sup>made</sup> I had ~~taken~~ to secure for your state, some of our best lectures, & the pains I had taken to advance the cause in your state, as a Massachusetts cause by sending gratuitously some of our most rare publications there (Huebner's argument for example), might save me from the charge of wishing to injure the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Soc. or, in other words, the cause of Anti-Slavery in Massachusetts. For the last 6 months, no state has been so partially dealt by, as yours.

(5) Your state has pledged \$10,000 to the Am. Socy. Last year, you pledged \$5,000:—but, you are aware that scarcely a dollar of it (or, certainly not 5 per cent of it) ever came from your treasury. You know how it was collected, & paid, & who did it. And, are we to be blamed, if, agreeably to the request of the donors, we take money pledged to you, but which we have collected by our own exertions, & credit it towards that pledge? I certainly think the complaint comes with a peculiar (not to say ill) grace, when you reflect that it was in consequence of speeches & exertions made by one of our Secretaries, that the \$50 in question was raised.

(6) While in your state, I have collected & paid over to your treasury, several hundred dollars; & much of it was paid on the express condition that I would go & lecture in the towns which had pledged it. I never charged



A. B. Stanton  
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My dear Bro. I have just returned from a tour of  
two weeks in Berkshire Co., & in Central New York, &  
as Bro. Wright is about to leave for Boston, I seize the  
opportunity to reply to your letter of — date, (so far as  
I can recollect the items, the letter not being at hand.)

1. As to the names to circulate petitions in the 4  
Western Counties of Mass. — have we not sent them?  
If not, it shall be done immediately.
2. As to the \$50 I collected in Lynn, I have to say,  
(1.) I told the Secy. of the Soc., that I did not know that I  
had authority to take it, but, he said they wished it  
to go into the treasury of the Am. Soc. towards re-  
—deeming the pledge, the Mass. Soc. to the American.  
Of course, (if I did not steal it,) then it went into  
our treasury, by their consent — i. e. the consent of the  
donors. That renews me. 25, 35, 36
- (2.) Perhaps (tho. I have no recollection,) I told him  
I would speak to your Com. about it. If so, I forgot  
to do so.
- (3.) I suppose if all the money I have expended in your  
State out of the funds of the Am. Soc. about matters which  
concerned your Society exclusively (specially the annual  
meeting last winter — the petition, to, & hearing before your  
legislature, &c. &c.) was counted, it would amount to 3 times  
\$50.